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An Un-Common Sense Match.

The weather had been very cold even for January. For days nobody had stirred out unless compelled by necessity, and I've no doubt our dear mother had longed many times for a change which would allow her noisy children to exercise their lungs and muscles out of doors.

At last the change came. During the forenoon the temperature indicated a rise, and about midday the "old woman up in the sky" began emptying her feather-beds.

Thick and fast the downy snowflakes fell, wrapping every tree and shrub in a garment of pure white, and making even the stake and rider fences, the log barns and corn-cribs, things of beauty which were too truly "joys not to last forever."

Hastily we children were clad in coats, scarfs, mittens, and all the paraphernalia of outer garments which loving mothers provide and insist upon being worn, despite the protests of the wearers. At last we were free and out upon the hill near by, where there was grand sport, sliding, snowballing and making snow men.

The afternoon slipped quickly by, the snow ceased falling, and the evening was settling down clear and cold, when upon the opposite hilltop there came in sight a farmer's box sleigh, drawn by a span of bay horses. Hastily we drove our sleds to the foot of the hill and reached it just in time for a "hitch." The driver of this establishment was in no wise visible. The hand which guided the team seemed not a hand, but a huge wad of buckskin and yam, and it proceeded from a sort of tower of bed-quilts, blankets, buffalo, robes, comforters, surmounted by a head-piece enveloped in a green and red "Bay State" shawl. There was a little crack, undoubtedly left for the eyes, but no eyes could be seen.

Edging around a very little, but probably as much as circumstances would allow, the roll of dry goods inquired—

"Is you house Squire Black's?"

We replied affirmatively, and settled down to the enjoyment of a ride to our own door, during which we exchanged whispered speculations as to whom the stranger might be.

When we stopped at the door a committee of us reported the arrival, while the remainder watched the tying and blanketing of the horses, and then formed a voluntary escort.

In answer to a muffled rap, father opened the door.

"Squire Blackie, I suppose?"

"Yes sir; come in. Getting quite cold outside," said father, eying his guest curiously.

"Well, yes; we've had a fearful spell of weather, and I've been on the road for the last two days of it. I see you don't know me, squire, and I swan, my eyes were so full of frost I hardly knew you; but I reckon you'll see who I am when I get this toggery off."

From the moment our visitor had stepped inside he had been engaged in unwrapping one garment after another, a process for all the world like peeling an onion. At last there stood revealed a young man of four or five and twenty, a six footer, with broad shoulders, face bronzed by exposure to the weather, but a goodly face to look upon, with its rather square jaw, ruddy cheeks, smiling lips, brown hair curling over a broad forehead, and blue eyes, which answered my father's questioning look by a merry twinkle.

In a moment my father extended both hands and grasped the stranger's most cordially.

"You are one of Aunt Anna's boys."

A hearty laugh preceded the reply—

"I wasn't afeared but you'd git it right, squire, give you time enough. I'm the little Joe Tolon you taught long division to."

We knew Aunt Anna was a former landlady of father's when he was a pedagogue; that she lived forty or fifty miles from us—a great distance in those days and our interest began to flag after mother came in from the kitchen, and the conversation was continued about old neighbors of whose existence we were ignorant. We betook ourselves to the kitchen, and mother soon followed.

Presently, while Joe was caring for his team, father came in, and all un-mindful of the old adage about "little pitchers," said—

"Ma, what do you think Joe has come for?"

"I am sure I don't know," replied

mother, composedly stirring another handful of meal into the boiling mush which was to be the *pièce de résistance* of our evening meal.

"He has come for a wife!"

"A wife! I did not know he was acquainted around here."

"He isn't. He wants me to recommend him to some girl who is strong, able, and willing to work, knows how to run a house, and"—hesitating a little as he saw the contemptuous curve on my mother's mouth—"I've spoken about Jane."

"Suire Black!" exclaimed mother, emphasizing her words still further by a dash of the pudding stick which sent the mush flying in all directions over the stove.

Jane was a farmer's daughter, who worked for us summers and went home winters to help to do up the spinning, weaving, and the like. A mutually satisfactory agreement, as Jane's services were more needed at home in the winter than in the summer, and mother thereby saved the board and wages of a girl during the winter when the work was not so heavy. Moreover, mother often said that Jane put the work ahead so when she was there that she could not keep her busy the year round.

But to return to our kitchen. Father had changed his position, getting a little out of the way of another charge from the mush-pot where the beating was going on vigorously.

After a pause he began again—

"Well, ma, Jane is not bound to marry Joe unless she wants to. But perhaps she'll never get another chance as good. You know yourself that any one of Aunt Anna's boys is bound to make a good man and a smart one."

"None too smart, if he thinks to get a wife in this way," snapped out mother.

"Let him try, ma, if he wants to; let him try. It won't hurt him any to have the conceit taken out of him."

No reply, but the mush was stirred as was never mush before. Another pause.

"You know, ma, Jane has been keeping company with that trifling Dan Marcy."

"Why don't he marry a girl who knows him if he wants to get married?" sourly inquired mother; but the pudding stick relaxed its vigor slightly, and father ventured a little nearer the speaker.

"He says the girls up there are all squaws, and that down by his mother's they have too high notions."

"Well, it's a heathenish way of court-ing a wife," replied mother; "and if he were to come about me in that way, if I were Jane, I'd empty a bucket of water over him!"

"Maybe she will, maybe she will," chuckled father, who probably would have enjoyed that termination of the affair as well as any. "But, ma, you know Jane is terribly homely, and—"

What further he would have said was cut short by the entrance of Joe bearing a package and a jar.

"Mother sent these to you with her compliments, Mrs. Black."

Mother, who knew the flavor of Aunt Anna's cheese and honey of old, was somewhat mollified by these presents, but she remained rather sulky all the evening; even when Joe filled her wood-box and the water pail, cut the kindling, did the milking, bringing in the pail, she condescended to tell him, as clean as she did herself, or—but she checked herself and did not say, "or Jane." She would be no party to that iniquity.

He nearly won her when he repeated his text promptly and correctly and knelt reverently at prayers, and she told father he was "a likely young man;" but her lips shut close and she shook her head when she thought of his mission.

Before morning the sky cleared and things were hurried around for an early start to Jane's.

During the ride it was arranged that father was to introduce Joe's errand to the elders, and if they were willing Joe might thereafter proceed as he liked. So upon reaching the farm father and Mr. Holton left Joe and the boys to put up the team, and they went up to the house and held a conference with Mrs. Holton, while Jane was busy building a fire in the best room.

The best room of an old-fashioned farm-house was dreary enough. This one had a bright yarn carpet, several split-bottom and wooden chairs with patch-work cushions, a low-backed rocking-chair, a wooden settee, a table with the Bible, an almanac, and a file of the "Christian Era" upon it. A few

silhouettes and prints from magazines were on the walls; but its only ornaments were the scrupulous cleanliness and its big fire place.

Jane bustled in and out, on hospitable cares intent, being given, by general consent, some opportunity for acquaintance and a chance to see and be seen before being told our errand.

You already know what Jane saw. What did Joe see? Jane was, as father had said, undeniably homely. She was tall and angular. Her feet and hands were large. Her hair was a trifle too red for auburn, and not yellow enough for gold. "Carrotty" is the proper description. Her complexion was freckled, but her cheeks would have shamed the roses. Her eyes were gray, her nose had grown very long, and then, as if wishing to make amends for that mishap, had snaped itself into a decided pug. Her mouth was large and always smiling, and disclosed what was Jane's only beauty—a set of as regular and white teeth as ever came from a dentist's hands. Her dress was blue flannel, every thread spun and woven by herself.

The hour or two until dinner was spent in viewing and discussing the stock, in telling the scanty news, and in talking over "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which was then appearing as a serial, in all of which Joe took his part sensibly and modestly.

At noon we were summoned to an excellent and bountiful farm dinner. It was quite evident that by this time Jane had been informed of our errand, for from perfect unconsciousness she became suddenly preoccupied, nervous and blushing. Joe enjoyed his dinner and did ample justice to it.

After we were all done there suddenly came a break and an awkward pause in the conversation. Joe cleared his throat, but without other sign of embarrassment began:

"Miss Holton, I see somebody has already told you what I've come for, and it's right I should tell you something about myself. The squire here will tell you about my folks. I am twenty-five years old, have never been sick in my life; I don't drink whiskey or swear or chew tobacco. I've been raised to work and can hold up my end with any man. I have one hundred and sixty acres of land about half cleared. There's the paper to show for it, and Squire Black will tell you they're all right."

"I've a good house, log stable, and so on. I own the horses I drove down here and a yoke of oxen beside. I don't owe any man a cent. I shall have cows and chickens when I've a wife to take care of them. Now if you think you can make up your mind to marry me I'd like to ask you a few questions."

Jane said nothing, and Joe, evidently taking silence for consent, proceeded—

"Did you cook this dinner?"

Still Jane was silent, but her mother answered "Yes" for her. Joe smiled.

"Well, the squire told me you were a good cook or I wouldn't have come out here. Can you make good bread?"

A faint but rather indignant "Yes" was heard from Jane, as if he had asked if she could wash her face and comb her hair.

"Can you milk and tend to the milk, butter and cheese?"

"Yes," a little louder.

"Can you run a house and do all kinds of housework?"

The cat seemed to have gotten Jane's tongue again, and my mother, pitying her embarrassment, replied with an exhaustive catalogue of Jane's virtues as a housewife. Then suddenly checking herself as one who had said too much, or said it in a wrong cause, became silent, but the questioning went on—

"Can you sew?"

"Yes."

"Can you knit?"

"Yes."

"Can you spin and weave?"

"Yes."

"As you've got used to saying 'yes' I'd like to go right on and ask you to have me; but I'll go out and feed my horses, and you can talk with your folks and the squire and his wife, and give me the answer to that question when I come in. I want to say first that if you agree to marry me I'll agree to do the fair thing by you, and expect you to do the same by me. You can always have what you can make from the butter and eggs and half the wool for your own spending. It will be very lonesome, for there won't be another white woman nearer than five miles for

a while yet, and the work will be hard, but maybe no harder than you're used to, you go we'll have to go day after tomorrow. The roads are rough and it will take two, maybe three, days to travel the sixty odd miles."

It took Joe a long time to feed his team, and during his absence a great deal of talking was done. When he returned Mr. Holton stood by the table, looking very sober, and there were tears in the eyes of all the women when he said—

"Joe, Jane has concluded that she'll chance it with you. She's been a good girl always, and we hope you'll use her well."

"I will, Mr. Holton, so help me God!" solemnly answered Joe, and he walked over to where Jane stood and put his arm around her and kissed her.

Then there was a general hand-shaking, and arrangements were made for the wedding next afternoon, after which Joe and his wife were to come back as far as our house, and the following morning start for home.

The wedding was an old-fashioned country one, and not long after the ceremony Joe's sleigh was packed with a cargo of feather-beds, quilts, blankets and housekeeping goods of various kinds, for Mr. Holton would not let his daughter go empty-handed.

Every second year after that for many years Jane came home for a short visit. The intervening year she could not come because "the baby was too little to bring," and the numerous little Tolons grew up in regular succession, their heads mounting one above the other like the rounds of ladder.

Father regularly asked Jane when she made these visits if she had come for a divorce. Jane always replied—

"Not this time. I don't see but Joe and I get along as well as those who take more time for their courting."

And Joe would say approvingly—

"That's so, Jane."

"Dear me," said Jane, as, leaning on Dr. Joe Tolon's arm, she threw back her widow's veil, which she had worn ten years now, and wiped her glasses before "The Heart of Wilderness" in the art gallery, "that looks just like the old piece of woods opposite the old house when your father brought me home. I've seen the deer browsing there many a time. I didn't think then it would ever be a city, but your father said it would, and now the cars run over that very spot. It's been a long time Joe, but the last ten years have been longer than all the rest."

Newspaper Etiquette.

It frequently happens that visitors to newspaper offices do and say things which are improper, and rude, and annoying. The visitor does not mean to be rude, and has really not the slightest idea that he is making himself disagreeable, for the reason that he is not accustomed to newspaper etiquette. For this reason, we wish to throw out a few hints that will enable the visitor to avoid unintentionally giving offense.

When you enter the printing-office do not handle the type in the cases. If you wish to examine the type say so to the printer, and he will be glad to stop his work and empty the case out on the editor's table, where you can sit in his chair and examine the type at your leisure. Never mind putting back the type the printer can do that after you get through.

Don't read the proof sheets, clippings, or manuscript. If you want to know what is going to appear in the next paper ask the editor to read out aloud to you. He has plenty of time, and will be grateful to you for the chance to quit his work and entertain you. If you want to look over the cash book, make the editor go and get it for you.

Never ask for a sample copy, but take half a dozen.

Never spit tobacco juice on the floor; always spit on the exchanges or on the walls, otherwise the editor will think you are not accustomed to a newspaper office. Make the editor feel that his presence does not annoy you.

Never ask for any old exchanges. Just help yourself to the unopened ones, for they always contain much later news than those that have been opened.

Ask the editor, if you are a perfect stranger to him to supply you with a duplicate key to his postoffice box, so you can get his papers regularly. If he is a gentleman he will furnish you with a duplicate key without your asking, but some editors are not gentlemen.—*Texas Siftings.*

BILL NYE STUDIES STARS.

THE ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS OF A HUMORIST.

We are told that there has been no perceptible growth or decay in the star business since man began to roam around through space, in his mind, and make figures on the barn door with red chalk, showing the celestial time table.

No serious accidents have occurred in the starry heavens since I began to observe and study their habits. Not a star has waxed, not a star has waned to my knowledge. Not a planet has season-cracked or shown any of the injurious effects of our rigorous climate. Not a star has ripened prematurely or fallen off the trees. The varnish on the very oldest stars I find on close and critical examination to be in splendid condition. They will all no doubt wear as long as we need them, and wink on long after we have ceased to wink back.

In 1866 there appeared suddenly in the northern crown a star of about the third magnitude and worth at least \$250. It was generally conceded by astronomers that this was a brand new star that had never been used, but upon consulting Argelander's star catalogue and price list it was found that this was not a new star at all, but an old faded out star of the ninth magnitude, with the front breadths turned wrong side out and trimmed with moonlight along the seams.

After a few days of phenomenal brightness it gently ceased to draw a salary as a star of the third magnitude and walked home with an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company.

Then, again, you take a certain style of star, which you learn from Prof. Simon Newcomb is at such a distance that it takes 50,000 years for its light to reach Boston. Now we will suppose that after looking over the large stock of new and second-hand stars, and after examining the spring catalogue and price list I decide that one of the smaller size will do me and I buy it. How do I know that it was there when I bought it? Its cold and silent rays may have ceased 49,000 years before I was born and the intelligence be still on the way. There is too much margin between sale and delivery. Every now and then another astronomer comes to me and says: "Professor, I have discovered another new star and intend to file it. Found it last night about a mile and a half south of the zenith running loose. Haven't heard of anybody who has lost a star of the fifteenth magnitude, about thirteen hands high, with light mane and tail, have you?" Now, how do I know that he has discovered a brand new star? How can I discover whether he is or not playing an old, threadbare star on me for a new one?

It is surprising that every little while I contemplate withdrawing from scientific research to go and skin an eight-mile team down through the dim vista of relentless years. There is much in the great field of astronomy that is discouraging to the savant who hasn't the time nor means to rummage around through the heavens. At times I am almost hopeless, and feel like saying to the great yearning, hungry world: "Gropo on forever. Do not ask me for another scientific fact. Find it out yourself. Hunt up your own new-laid planets, and let me have a rest. Never ask me again to sit up all night and take care of a newborn world while you lie in bed and reek not."

I get no salary for examining the trackless void night after night when I ought to be in bed. I sacrifice my health in order that the public may know, at once, of the presence of a red-hot comet, fresh from the factory. And yet, what thanks do I get?—*Bill Nye.*

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Many nations have a tradition about a case of disputed maternity. All are familiar with the old Hebrew story in which Solomon figured. With the directness of purpose which is the characteristic of the Semitic mind, he ordered that the child should be cut in two and divided between the rival mothers. This decision was made on the shrewd calculation that the real mother would give up her claim in preference to having the child killed. The Chinese version is somewhat different, but the ruse for the discovery of the real mother was of the same gen-

eral character. The Chinese judge ordered that the child should be taken charge of by the Government and brought up in the class in which he would be certain to achieve fame and distinction. His calculation was that the real mother would readily give her consent to an arrangement which, while depriving her of her child, would secure for him a brilliant future.

This decision was more in accord with the general promptings of humanity than the other. Even the pretended mother might hesitate about agreeing to the destruction of the child which she claimed. In fact, the Chinese method was the reverse of that of Solomon. These historical facts are called to mind by a curious case of rival mothers which is now pending in one of the courts. Of the merits of the controversy we know no more than the Judge who is wrestling with the problem. But the facts are patent that our methods of judicial examination are not so broad or searching as those employed by these venerable sages. With us the fact either one way or the other has to be established one way or the other by competent testimony. If this is not forthcoming the woman in possession retains the child. It is not competent for the Judge to subject the parties to a private test of his own, which is not in the nature of evidence.

An Old Soldier's Story.

"The old army shoe," said a slender dark-haired man, "was a great institution. I have a pair at home that I have preserved, not as mementoes of any long march, but as landmarks in a venturesome life. It was a custom among the poorly shod Confederate troops to remove after a battle, the shoes from the dead Union soldiers. This was not done in any spirit of vandalism or heartlessness. The shoes were taken off to supply men who had much marching to do in inclement weather. We simply changed old, worn out shoes for the good ones worn by those who fell in battle."

"On one occasion I took a pair of nicely polished No. 6's from the body of a man who must have been in life a model soldier. I had worn these shoes with great comfort through the four or five remaining days of activity incident to the battle before I had any opportunity to examine them carefully. When we were again in permanent camp and allowed to remove our cartridge boxes and shoes at night, I made a startling discovery, or rather I was greatly startled by a discovery that I made one morning as I took up the shoes to put them on."

"On the under side of the flap, or tongue, was written in a clear round hand my own name. I was confident that I had never written it there, but there on both shoes were my initials and my family name, and I had taken those shoes four days before from the feet of a man killed in battle. The inference was that I had stolen the shoes from a man related to me in some way. I could not put them on. I walked in my stocking feet to the commissary department secured a pair of new shoes, and I have the other shoes yet."

"The affair troubled me for a long time. I had no opportunity for making satisfactory inquiry in regard to the man who bore my name, but in due time I did learn that there was no family relationship whatever. He had come to this country from England and had been in the country only a few months when the war broke out. He enlisted through a spirit of adventure and I was the means of giving his relatives definite information as to his fate. The only evidence I had bearing on points in which they were interested was a pair of old army shoes."

Hints on Health.

—When the bunion is painful, put three or four leeches on the joint of the toe, and do not disturb them until they drop off; then bathe the bunions in fresh cream twice a day, and afterward renounce tight boots. Of course this remedy will not remove the swelling of the bone.

—To purify the air of a sick chamber, take six drams of powdered niter, and the same quantity of oil of vitriol; mix them together by adding to the niter one dram of the vitriol; at a time; placing the vessel in which you are mixing it on a hot hearth, or plate of heated iron, stirring it with a glass rod, a tobacco pipe, or something of the kind. Then place the vessel in the

contaminated apartment, moving it about to different parts of the room.

—Using contaminated water will greatly increase the danger of sickness. A large portion of the cases of typhoid fever are caused by drinking bad water. The danger of cholera will be greatly increased, if great caution is not exercised to avoid this poison. Every well which has been dry through the winter, should be cleaned out at least twice after being filled with the spring flood, so as to remove all the old impurities, and to bring in a pure, fresh supply. If this cannot be done, then filtered rain-water only should be used. In addition to this care, all vaults should be kept perfectly dry and inodorous by a daily use of sifted coal ashes, enough to absorb all the moisture. This will prevent the poison from soaking horizontally through crevices in the sub-soil or rocks into wells—a most fruitful source of disease. Eminent physicians estimate that four-fifths of all the cases of typhoid fever come directly from drinking impure water and breathing poisoned air.—*Country Gentleman.*

The Year 1,000.

It was believed in the Middle Ages that the world would come to an end at the expiration of one thousand years of the era. This expectation in Christian countries was universal. The year 1,000 was a year of suspense, terror and awe. The histories of this dark period give vivid accounts and incidents of the state of the people under the influence of this awful apprehension. A writer in *Sunday at Home* reproduces the picture with much distinctness, and relates an incident of the manner that the hours were numbered on the supposed final night of that year, which might aptly suggest a dramatic subject for the poet.

When the last day of the year 999 dawned the madness had attained its height. All work of whatever kind was suspended. The market places were deserted. The shops were shut. The tables were not spread for meals; the very household fire remained unlit. Men when they met in the streets scarcely saw or spoke to one another. Their eyes had a wild stare in them, as though they expected every moment some terrible manifestation to take place.

Silence prevailed everywhere, except in the churches, which were already thronged with eager devotees, who prostrated themselves before the shrines of their favorite saints, imploring their protection during the fearful scenes which they supposed were about to be displayed.

As the day wore on, the number of those who sought admission grew greater and greater, until every corner of the sacred edifices, large as they were, was densely crowded; and it became impossible to find room for more. But the multitude outside still strove and clamored for admission, filling the porches and doorways, and climbing up the buttresses to find refuge on the roofs which they could not obtain inside.

A strange and solemn commentary on the text which bids men to watch because "they know not whether the Master of the house will come at even or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in morning," was presented by the multitude which filled the churches that night. Watch in very truth they did. Not an eye was closed throughout that lengthened vigil; not a knee but what was bent in humble supplication; not a voice but what joined in the penitential chant, or put up a fervid entreaty for help and protection.

There were no clocks in those days, but the flight of the hours was marked by great waxen tapers with balls attached at intervals to them. These fell, one after another as the flame reached the strings by which they were secured, into a brazen basin beneath with a clang which resounded through the church.

At the recurrence of each of these warning sounds the awe of the vast assembly seemed to deepen and intensify as each in terrible suspense supposed that between him and the outburst of Divine wrath only the briefest interval now remained.

At last the night, long as it was, began to draw to an end. The chill which precedes daylight pervaded the air, and in the eastern sky the first pale gleam of morning began to show itself. The light grew stronger in the heavens, and at last the rays of the risen sun streamed through the windows on the white, anxious faces of the watchers. The night had passed away. A new day, a new century had begun. The text that says that "no man knoweth the day nor the hour," had a new meaning.—*Youth's Companion.*

Providence Independent.

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E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.
Thursday, June 4, 1885.

State elections will be held this year in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Mississippi.

The swelling outside and inside General Grant's throat has so far abated that the parts can now be examined with greater ease than at any time since the General's serious illness.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is making rather a clean sweep of Mahone postmasters in Virginia. Mahoneism has been one of the worst isms in American politics, and the efforts of the President in denying the Mahoneites the patronage of the Government deserve hearty applause.

The President's sister, Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland is rapidly gaining literary prominence. She is the author of a book, about to be published, and which will find ready sale both in this country and in Europe. Miss Cleveland is described as a very strong and accomplished writer. The forthcoming book treats of various subjects.

DISPATCHES from Serinagar, India, tell of terrible havoc by earthquakes on Sunday. There were several shocks, which occurred at intervals of ten minutes and which were of great violence. Fifty people are known to have been killed, while hundreds of injured have already been taken from the general wreck. Serinagar is near the centre of the Vale of Cashmere and has a population of between 130,000 and 140,000.

The strike among the iron and steel operatives of the West promises to exist for an indefinite period. The strike is the direct cause of the withdrawal of more than one hundred thousand dollars per day from circulation in a single industry. That there will be a vast amount of suffering in that section on account of this deplorable condition of affairs is a foregone conclusion.

We publish elsewhere a communication from a correspondent relating to the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the DeKalb street bridge matter. The Supreme Court has affirmed the outrageous verdict of the Bucks county jury. Our correspondent's view of the case is substantially correct. The tax-payers of the county are, apparently, about to be legally robbed of \$50,000.

LAST Friday Governor Pattison vetoed the Congressional and Legislative apportionment bills passed by the Legislature. The Governor in his veto message declares that the bills are unjust and illegal. Does he expect a Republican legislature to apportion the State in a manner not advantageous to the Republican party? As long as the politicians have control of the matter they will decide it in favor of the majority party. No doubt about it. And Governor Pattison can't force the legislature to accept his opinion on the subject.

The bogus butter dealers are anxiously watching for the long expected decision of the New York Court of Appeals on the constitutionality of an enactment similar to that recently passed by the Pennsylvania legislature. If the decision shall be against the law it is understood that the dealers and manufacturers of grease will take immediate steps to secure a judicial decision on the constitutionality of the Pennsylvania law. Shameful frauds have been practiced throughout the State by the dealers in oleomargarine, and it is evident that both manufacturers and dealers deserve no sympathy from the public.

The plenitude of money in the market, and its continued accumulation in the vaults of the money depositories, is exciting much comment among bank officials and bankers, and in some instances large deposits have been refused, as they have more money on hand than they know what to do with. Money is simply becoming a glut in the market; and many of the banks that have paid interest on deposits are abandoning the custom, because the present condition of business does not warrant such payments. The great lack of confidence that is experienced among investors is sadly felt by general trade, and it is to be hoped that some of this money will soon find its way into business investments, and thereby be got into active circulation.

Henry Russell, who came to this country forty years ago, and wrote the music to "Woodman, spare that tree," and "A life on the Ocean wave," is still living in England at a very advanced age.

Correspondence.

Journalism vs. Popular Interests and Franchises:

EDITOR PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENT:

"The Free Bridge Association believed they could take the franchise of the Schuylkill Bridge Company at Norristown without paying for it. All they expected to pay for was the bridge. To their surprise they found out that the law requires just compensation to be made to the parties damaged for the public good. The Register believes that the franchise could have been destroyed without compensation by building a county bridge. The experiment was not tried, but we have no doubt as to what the result would have been. In nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand, law and common sense agree. As in the one case the county paid for what it took, so in the other case it would have been compelled to pay for what it destroyed."

I clip the above apparently voluntary, or free-will offering to the now rampant spirit of monopoly, from a recent number of the Norristown Daily Herald. It is copied entire, for it is complete in itself; and it is but due to the people whose dearest interests are involved to say, that had it been written by the attorney of the late bridge company, or some one in the interest of other corporations, for a \$50 fee, it could hardly be stronger for such interests and more squarely against the unendowed masses. To read such cold generalizing in the light of our present legislative drift, makes us feel glad that the national government is again in Democratic hands—in the custody of that grand old party, which chartered the bridge at first, and provided that, "wherever the income of the same should exceed six to ten per cent., tolls should be reduced," or as was usual then with corporation acts, that the surplus should go into the State treasury.

Now what is the principle upon which this judicial decision is founded, and which has the unqualified endorsement of the editor of the Herald? It is simply this, that on the far-fetched doctrine of "vested rights," all progress must stop until counter interests which stand in the way, shall be fully compensated for all constructive losses, consequent upon the introduction of such improvements. What was the substance of this bridge-company franchise? Why simply this: Since its erection the population and business of the locality have been quintupled, and its stock-value enhanced correspondingly; and upon each individual member of that increased number, the corporation holds a lien, upon his or her labor and money? Why therefore, did not the old Pittsburgh wagon-brigade, whose business and "franchise" was destroyed by canals in 1830, sue the latter for damages? and why don't the canal companies in turn sue the railroads for destroying their "franchises" and "business"? Still further: The Reading and Norristown Railroad hold a franchise of the carrying and passenger business along the Schuylkill valley, which is being destroyed or almost rendered valueless by the Pennsylvania and Schuylkill Valley road? The reader can run this line of argument out in every direction—everywhere landing at a monstrous conclusion never dreamed of by the Revolutionary fathers, who simply provided that "no act should be passed to abrogate the validity of contracts" between individual parties.

It may be however, that this monstrous decision has been reached under the clause of our State Constitution which says, "private 'property' shall not be taken for public use without adequate compensation." Now let us apply the well known rule of construction to this provision also—to wit—that "all fundamental enactments against popular liberty or rights, must be construed strictly." So, what, "property" had the bridge company in that corporation or its structure for crossing the river? Why nothing but what it would "strictly" cost to rebuild such a one, if it had been destroyed for public safety, as in case of fire. The "franchise" is worth no more in strict law or common sense, than would be the grip or "franchise" of a highwayman, who seized your pocketbook on the road and held on because he might be stronger than you? The bridge's "right of property" in enhanced value, was merely a constructive right, exactly like the constructive value of the Reading railroad's franchise, now being taken without remuneration by the rival corporation? Were it not that each of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States is a millionaire this exorbitant Doylestown verdict, and the later State decision of our Supreme Court, ought to be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court for an honest reversal. All the late bridge company are entitled to, is the value of the bridge structure, about \$40,000. If the above quoted article has the deliberate approval of the editor in chief of the Herald it certainly does him no credit, as the defender of popular interests or "the greatest good to the greatest number." FREE BRIDGES.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1, 1885.

It has become a matter of severe comment by the press and people of the country, that officialism at Washington has clothed itself with a vast deal more dignity than it is entitled to. Once it was that these department and bureau officers and clerks considered themselves as servants of the people, for it was the people who employed them and it was the people who paid them their salaries. This, unhappily for us, is no longer so. Rarely does it happen that a citizen having business in some of the departments, and in many of the bureaux of all of the departments, is treated with ordinary decency. And indeed, politeness among officials instead of being the rule is the crowning exception everywhere among those set to do the work of the Government. We do not know what has been the cause of this great change in the demeanor of the average Government employee, who was only a score of years since the embodiment of urbanity and disinterested submissiveness. The heads of the departments will serve the people a capital good turn if they will only inculcate a few thorough lessons of politeness into the abnormally grown

heads of those subordinates who have come to the opinion that they are the masters and not the servants of the people.

A question which sinks to absolute insignificance every other question that may be presented to be next Congress, is whether the enormous subsidies of lands which the railroads have forfeited by their failure to comply with their solemn contract with the Government, shall be relegated back to the people and again become a part of their domain for the uses of the actual settler. It is an issue that cannot be avoided—a ghost that will not down. Congressmen may as well understand this, for the people are keeping an eye on them. If it is not in order for the Commissioner of railroads to be travelling about the country (on a free pass) in Pullman palace cars, and indulge in a general junketing tour at Government expense, will not somebody please tell us what the Commissioner of railroads is here for, and that the land grant railroads do not know their business. It is a cold day when these particular railroads forget to minister to the comforts of the Commissioner of railroads.

Not the least of the political shortcomings and peccadilloes that were urged and used very successfully against the party in power during the last four administrations, was the Congressional favoritism that had been extended to the land grant railroads of the country, which in turn had wielded their influence to perpetuate the rule of that party. The result of the election last fall should be a sufficient omen to the law-makers of the present Congress that the people will not brook any unnecessary delay in consummating the land grant forfeitures now pending in that body.

Over Seven Hundred Sick in Plymouth.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 1.—Although there was only one death in Plymouth today affairs have a more serious outlook. A canvass made by the ward committees shows the total number of persons sick with the fever to be 732, an increase of two as compared with last week; 471 of this number are classified as serious cases; 31 new cases are reported since the last report. There were 17 deaths last week as compared to 11 the week previous. There have been a total of 155 deaths since the fever broke out. Fifty-four patients are in the hospital now. The executive committee at its meeting to-night appropriated \$2,276 for the maintenance of the hospital. The Borough Council at its meeting to-night decided to submit the question of increasing the indebtedness of the borough to a vote of the people, and if they vote in the affirmative steps will at once be taken to put the town in a sanitary condition.

New Rates of Postage.

On July 1 the following important changes will be made in the rates of postage:

1. Any article in a newspaper or other publication may be marked for observation, except by written or printed words, without increase of postage.
2. All newspapers sent from the office of publication, including sample copies, or when sent from a news agency, to actual subscribers thereto, or to other news agents, shall be entitled to transmission at the rate of one cent per pound or fraction thereof, the postage to be prepaid.
3. The weight of all single-rate letters is increased from one-half of one ounce each or fraction thereof to one ounce each or fraction thereof. The same increase of weight is allowed for drop letters, whether mailed at stations where there is a free delivery or where carrier service is not established.

Interesting Paragraphs.

There is a bird roost at Lake Gentry, in Brevard county, Florida, covering a tract of eighty acres, in which, it is estimated, over 7,000,000 birds gather every season. It has been a resting place for birds from time immemorial.

The correspondence of Peter the Great is being prepared for publication. A commission of Russian literary men was appointed to bring together the materials for such a work, and so thoroughly have they accomplished their task that they have collected more than 8,000 letters and documents of the highest interest relating to the great Czar. Among these documents are some of the exercise books in which the young Peter wrote his writing lessons. There is also a letter, dated 1688, in which Peter, then only six years old, describes to his mother the works which he had seen in progress in the shipbuilding yards at Petrelawski.

Mason and Dixon's line, which has cut such a figure in our political history, was originally 300 miles long, and was marked by stone posts at intervals of one mile. It was the boundary line between the State of Pennsylvania and States of Maryland and Virginia, and the name is derived from its surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon. In 1820 the line was extended to the western boundary of Missouri. This is known as the Henry Clay compromise.

The artichoke is becoming a favorite crop with pork raisers in Arizona. It is said to be hardy and very productive, requires no cultivation after planting, and possesses remarkable fattening qualities. One variety, the large white sweet, will produce 15,000 pounds per acre, which will furnish feed for from twenty-five to fifty head of hogs for three months. Hogs may root the ground over where they are planted time and time again, with the only effect that ploughing would have—pulverizing the earth. After one year's growth the seed cannot be eradicated from the soil, for wherever so much as a diminutive eye is left the plant will spring up.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, heretofore engaged as partners in the Grain, Feed and Coal business, at Grater's Ford, Montgomery county, Pa., by mutual consent, dissolved partnership on the FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 1885. Samuel Cassel will continue the business at the same place. Persons indebted to, or who have claims against, the firm will please promptly call on either Jacob Fuss, or on Samuel Cassel who has charge of the books.

JACOB FUSS,
SAMUEL CASSEL,
Grater's Ford, May 14, 1885.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on SATURDAY, the 6th day of June, A. D. 1885, under the Act of Assembly of said Commonwealth, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplement thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Perkiomen Valley Building and Loan Association," the character and object of which is the accumulation of funds from monthly contributions, fines, premiums on loans, and interest on investments, for the benefit of the members thereof, sufficient to enable the stockholders to build or purchase for themselves dwelling houses or other real estate, as they may deem advantageous, or to invest in any legitimate business or for any lawful purpose, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said act of Assembly and its supplements.

The names of the five subscribers to the certificate of organization are Henry W. Knatz, Geo. W. Yost, John Prizer, B. F. Place, and Henry H. Fetterolf.

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Hosiery, Notions, and Trimmings, stock of

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Shawls, Muslins,
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Entire new line parasols, choice new styles at very low prices at Leopold's.
Best 5 cent calicoes at Leopold's.
New lawn hats colors, warranted, price 5 cents at Leopold's.
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A specially good thing in debags at 10 cents, in a variety of new colors at Leopold's.

New Jerseys, direct from a large manufacturer, at about two-thirds of last year's prices. They are better styles and better made than any we have ever before offered. Prices for nice, fine goods from \$1 to \$8 at Leopold's.
Fine Jersey cloth in blacks and colors. Jerseys made to order at Leopold's.
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Genuine bargains in imported stockings for ladies and children at Leopold's.
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Ladies' regular made imported hose 17 cents at Leopold's.
The best 13 1/2 cent seamless half-hose ever offered at Leopold's.
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SLUG SHOT, a sure remedy for the extermination of the current worm, cabbage fly and worm, rose and potato bug and other insects that infest the vegetable and flower kingdom,—not dangerous to human life. Price 30 cents for a 5 pound package. Try it. Satisfaction given wherever used. Wholesale and retail.

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CABBAGE, late, 3 kinds,	40	2.50
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ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob Harpst, late of Upper Providence Township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of Administration on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same without delay to

FRANK BRUNST, Administrator,
P. O. Address, Yorkes, Pa.

Or his Attorney, F. G. HOBSON, Norristown, Pa.

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NOTICE.

The first regular meeting of the "Perkiomen Valley Building and Loan Association" will be held in Fenton's Hall, Collegeville, on MONDAY JUNE 8th, 1885 at 8 o'clock, p. m. when the first installment of one dollar per share will be paid. All persons are requested to subscribe for stock of the following officers:

HENRY W. KNATZ, President, D. M. CASSEL, Sec. & Treas., A. D. FETTEROLF, Secretary, JOHN PRIZER, Treasurer.

DIRECTORS:—Frank M. Hobson, G. W. Yost, A. G. Grater, H. H. Fetterolf, P. J. Davis, G. F. Hunner, A. J. Ashenfelter, Wm. H. Blanchford, and Jos. McNulty.

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Well, the best quality of goods and the lowest prices can be had at G. F. Hunsicker's Store. Full stock of Fall and Winter Goods on hand. A good, wide, all-wool, black Cashmere at 50 cts. It is strictly all wool and cannot be beaten in the country. Dress Goods, 6 cents up. Ladies' and Children's Shoes in large assortment, very cheap. Freed's celebrated Men's Boots. Come and see our floor oil-cloth—good stock on hand. Hosiery for men, women and children at greatly reduced prices. Men's red underwear, cheap. Bed Blankets, excellent quality, low prices. A nice line of stiff hats for fall and winter—our own make. Everything kept in a thoroughly stocked store at bottom prices. We want to merit your continued patronage by giving you the full worth of your money every time. We want to make quick sales and small profits, and we want to "live and let live," no matter who is President of the United States.

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COLLEGEVILLE ENTERPRISE

GRIST

Providence Independent.

Thursday, June 4, 1885.

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This paper has a larger circulation in this section of the county than any other paper published. As an advertising medium the "Independent" ranks among the most desirable papers, having a large and steadily increasing circulation in various localities throughout the county.

It is the aim of the editor and publisher to make the "Independent" one of the best local and general newspapers in the county, or anywhere else, and to this end we invite correspondence from every section.

PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.

Will publish the following schedule stationary for the convenience of our readers.
Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:

FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.	
Milk.....	6.47 a. m.
Accommodation.....	8.07 a. m.
Market.....	1.35 p. m.
Accommodation.....	4.34 p. m.
FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.	
Mail.....	7.17 a. m.
Accommodation.....	9.14 a. m.
Market.....	1.35 p. m.
Accommodation.....	4.34 p. m.
SUNDAYS.—SOUTH.	
Milk.....	6.56 a. m.
Accommodation.....	8.49 p. m.
NORTH.	
Accommodation.....	10.3 a. m.
Milk.....	5.41 p. m.

All communications, business or otherwise, transmitted to us through the mails, to receive immediate attention, must be directed to Collegeville, P. O., hereafter.

Home Flashes and Stray Sparks

From Abroad.

—Delightful weather!
—The trunk trick is a trifle stale.
—Seven months school!—in the "Athens of Montgomery county!"
—Messrs. Mulford Wock and Harry M. Strunk, of Philadelphia, were in town on Decoration Day and paid this office a short visit.
—D. H. Casselberry arrived yesterday with a car load of Virginia horses.

—Albert Mauck will sell a lot of carriages at public sale at Perkiomen Bridge next Saturday afternoon.

—The June term of Montgomery County Court commenced on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock. Hon. B. M. Boyer, president Judge, occupied the Bench.

—J. H. Richards, this place, is the owner of a very valuable trotting mare. The animal is now in training at the Pottstown driving park, and shows signs of great speed.

—March, Brownback & Co., stove founders at Limerick Station, have posted notices announcing an increase of 10 per cent. in wages, to take effect June 1st.

—Mr. Davis, a theological student at Ursinus, occupied the pulpit in St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe, last Sunday morning.

—Recently a person, unrestrained by the better instincts of humanity, despoiled a flower bed for Wesley A. Shupe, Evansburg. A contemptible act.

—J. G. Fetterolf's young trotting horse, "J. P. Snap" is improving rapidly. The sorrel is only four years old and shows extraordinary signs of speed. We predict that J. Snap will trot a mile in 2:30 inside of twelve months.

—Had the Deacon's shapely foot come in vigorous contact with the young student about the time the latter was depositing that trunk there might have been a painful collision. The deacon is a power, and trunk carriers will act wisely if they avoid his premises in the future.

—W. H. Blanchford, proprietor of the large carriage works, this place, is kept very busy filling numerous orders. Good material, good workmanship, low prices and strict attention to business are the secrets of Mr. Blanchford's success. He has on hand and for sale several jump-seat Carriages. Don't miss the bargains.

—Washington Camp No. 267 P. O. S. of A., of this place, have made arrangements to give a grand excursion to Mauch Chunk and Switchback, over the Perkiomen R. R., on Thursday October 1st 1885. As this is the finest season of the year to take this beautiful trip, it will be wise to await this opportunity to see the Switzerland of America.

Post, No. 45, G. A. R., Phoenixville, representatives from Post 5, of Philadelphia and Zook Post No. 11 of Norristown, decorated the graves in the Episcopal cemetery, Evansburg. The ladies liberally contributed flowers for the occasion. So sayeth Sam.

The School Board of Upper Providence district organized at Black Rock on Monday. M. P. Anderson was elected President; J. Schrack Shearer, Secretary; and Emanuel Longaker, Treasurer. The school term was fixed at seven months and the teachers' pay at \$40 per month. Examination June 10.

The annual meeting of the Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike Company was held at Pottstown on Monday. F. M. Hobson, of this place, was elected President; Secretary D. B. Manger; Treasurer, Henry G. Kulp; and H. W. Kratz, Esq., of Trappe, was elected one of the Board of Managers.

Davis Randenbush's mare, sired by Ralph's Mambrino Pilot, last week, dropped a colt—sired by Longacre's celebrated trotting horse, Black Cloud. It is a very fine colt. Davis Smiles.

Festival

Under the auspices of the Lutheran Lyceum Trappe, a strawberry and ice-cream festival will be held in Masonic Hall, Trappe, on Saturday evening June 13. Houck's orchestra will furnish the music. The public is invited to attend.

Zieber's Park.

St. Luke's Sunday School, Trappe, will hold their annual celebration at Zieber's park, near Lansdale, on Saturday, June 13. The conveyances will leave Trappe at 9 a. m. The friends of the school are invited to participate. The Ironbridge Cornet Band is expected to furnish the music.

On Monday last Camelia, wife of John Morgan, died at her residence near Fairview Village, after an illness of ten days with Bright's disease of the kidneys. She was a daughter of the late Benjamin Baker, of Norristown.

The ice cream festival, in Masonic Hall last Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Social Committee of the Y. P. A. of St. Luke's church, notwithstanding the bad weather, was a decided success. The artistic manner in which the hall was decorated reflected much credit on the young ladies who had the festival in charge.

The Harrisburg correspondent to the *Cornwallis*, Pa., *Herald* recently alluded to our worthy village "Squire" as follows:—"A. D. Fetterolf, of Montgomery county, is another officer of the transcribing room, whose excellent work in that office has been commended by all. He is one of the rising young republican leaders in his county, and wears the title of 'Squire'."

Sale of Good Cattle.

Mockes Eser of Bridgeport and Gallagher & Son, of Norristown, have bought of F. R. Deeds, of near this place, a herd of 25 steers. The cattle have been fed on Mr. Deed's farm since last November, and are considered to be, by excellent judges, the best lot of cattle in the county, and we believe they are. Mr. E., takes great pride in fattening cattle and he evidently puts in practice the very best methods in doing so. The beef will be sold in the DeKalb street market, Norristown, by the cattle dealers named above.

The regular meeting of the Garfield Lyceum was held last Thursday evening. The following excellent program was rendered: Solo with Chorus,—"The Rose by the Door,"—Miss Alice Hunsicker. Recitation,—"The Blacksmith's Story,"—Miss Bertha Hendricks. Solo,—"The Bend of the River,"—Miss Hannah Rittenhouse. Recitation,—"The Bridge,"—J. W. Meminger. Solo,—"The Pilgrim Fathers,"—Miss Bertha Hendricks. Reading,—"Mark Twain's Lecture in Soudan,"—F. G. Hobson. Recitation,—"A Sabbath Scene,"—Miss Sallie Fenstermacher. Solo,—"The Little Old Woman,"—Miss Fannie Moser. Tableau,—"The Spinsters' delight,"—Drama,—"Cinderella,"—participated in by Misses Sallie Fenstermacher, Adele Fetterolf, Alice Hunsicker, Emilie Hamer, Messrs. J. W. Meminger and S. H. Phillips.

Decoration Day.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather appropriate and interesting exercises were held in the basement of the Trinity Christian church, this place on Decoration Day, under the auspices of the Garfield Lyceum and the P. O. S. of A., No. 267. By four o'clock the time appointed for the meeting, a goodly audience was assembled. The exercises were opened with a hearty, earnest and grateful prayer by the Rev. J. H. Hendricks. A recitation followed entitled,—"No flowers for Papa's grave," by Miss Nellie Culbert; beautiful in itself, prettily rendered, and in direct keeping with the occasion. The "Verses" written for the occasion by Miss Minerva Weinberger were well composed and deserve special praise. The correctness of the metre and the beauty of the phraseology seemed very plainly to show that the Goddess of Poetry has visited "Glen Farm." The poem will be found in another column. The feature of the occasion, however, came next in order in the person and oration of N. H. Larzelere Esq., of Norristown. The gentleman an orator, eloquent in manner, true and logical in thought and expression, in sympathy with his audience. In the course of the oration the circumstances, the events, and the results of the great war for the Union were reviewed, presented, and dwelt upon in almost a new light and in an eloquent and truthful manner. A few of the characteristics of the lamented and beloved savior of our country, Abraham Lincoln, were vividly pictured in glowing terms, and hearty tribute was rendered to him to whom tribute is due. The address throughout was made to bear on the cause and occasion of the meeting. In our opinion the only criticism that may be offered on the oration is, that it was one to the people, for the people, and by one of the people; it was thus presented both as to contents and delivery, and we dare say, as a consequence, it was thus received. The people of Collegeville feel thankful for the treat. The music of the day was furnished by members of the Lyceum. Vocal Solos by Miss Bertha Hendricks and Mr. H. A. Bomberger, with several quartettes. The meeting was both pleasant and profitable.

The program in reference to the decoration of the soldiers graves in the different cemeteries, published last week, was in the main carried out. During the forenoon a number of the members of the G. A. R., Post of Phoenixville visited and decorated the graves of soldiers, and a very appropriate service was held in Trinity Church by Chaplain Ganser, whose address is highly spoken of.

T. I. S. D.

The accounts of the Directors of the Trappe Independent School District for the year ending June 1885, were audited last Saturday. On Monday the Directors reorganized by electing C. H. Tyson, President; F. Zollers, Secretary, and P. Willard, Treasurer. In this connection it might not be out of order to inform the tax-payers of the district that the audited financial statement of the board of Directors can be seen by visiting either of several public houses and business places within the district, if the wind has not blown them away. A number of the statements might, with much propriety, have been posted on the various telegraph poles along the pike. In a majority of other districts similar statements are published in the local newspapers, so that everybody can read them without inconvenience. But if our handsome, affable and courteous, if not progressive, directors are unyieldingly in favor of posting up printed statements we beg leave to insist that hereafter they must not pass the superior advantages of the local telegraph poles heedlessly by.

Killed by a Falling Wall.

Henry Croll, a mason employed by Willoughby Adams, was instantly killed Monday morning by a falling wall on the premises of Abraham Longaker, near Schwensville. We understand the unfortunate man was engaged at work close to an old wall which gave way. Life was found to be extinct when he was taken from the ruins. He leaves a wife and two children.

Correspondence.

From Ironbridge.

MR. EDITOR:—In a recent issue of your paper it was stated that Bucks county had the largest buttonwood tree in the State. On C. M. Hunsicker's island, surrounded by the waters of the Perkiomen, at this place, there stands a buttonwood tree measuring 27 feet, 6 inches, in circumference, and its lower branches are about 50 feet from the ground. The aged buttonwood tree of the Perkiomen Valley beats the buttonwood tree of Bucks county and claims the honors of the State.

Keep a sharp lookout for sneak thieves! One night last week 30 fine hens were stolen from the premises of Samuel Alderfer. On Wednesday morning John S. Hunsicker discovered that all his hams, seven in number, had been stolen. A number of shoulders had been taken. The thief or thieves manifested discriminative talent. Citizens, lead well your shot guns and prepare to give the rascals an interesting reception, if further raids are attempted.

On Sunday last Mrs. Amanda Yedger daughter of Simon Hoot, died of consumption. She had only been married about a year. A child preceded the mother to the tomb about two weeks ago, and a bereaved husband has suffered the loss of both wife and child. The funeral will be held Thursday, June 4.

A number of our young men accompanied the excursion to Switchback, on Whit-Monday. They reported a grand time, having enjoyed the trip very much.

Our popular town merchant, G. F. Hunsicker, is offering excellent bargains in all kinds of store goods. A large and well selected stock of goods and small profits tell their own story.

The accounts of the school directors of East and West Perkiomen township for the year ending June 1885, have been audited by the township auditors.

Our slater, J. P. Koons, was engaged last Friday in putting slate on the house of Mr. John Lewis near Fairview, and Samuel Lowmes was assisting him as slate carrier. Samuel took it in his head that the best plan would be to use a wheelbarrow instead of carrying the slate up the inclined scaffolding. Result: Both Samuel and the wheelbarrow had a fall, a distance of about fifteen feet. A few slate and no bones were broken.

The Ironbridge Cornet Band will go to West Chester next Saturday. It will be a pleasure trip. The members of the band will be conveyed over the route in their large band wagon, drawn by C. M. Hunsicker's handsome boys. C. Detwiler, a member of the band, is now attending the Normal School at West Chester, and the boys expect to surprise him.

SLACK.

Country Week Association.

We are in receipt of the Eighth Annual Report of the Children's Country Week Association. The main object of this association is to furnish the poor children of Philadelphia an opportunity to enjoy a week in the country during the heated season, and to give them day excursions to the Park, the Sanatorium, and on the rivers. We cheerfully append a few extracts from the printed report, so that our readers may more fully understand and appreciate the doings of the Association:

"During the past summer this Association sent into the country 3070 persons for visits, averaging nine days each. Of these 154 were adults, who either accompanied their sick children or were themselves invalids. Free invitations were given to 233 persons, and beside these over 15,000 were sent on day excursions to the Park, the Sanatorium, and on the rivers. Permanent homes were found in the country for 12 persons. The receipts amounted to \$8,919.94, and the expenditures to \$9,262.84, of which \$127.63 were expended for clerical services in the office. The names of 6143 persons were entered on the books of the Association during the past summer, of whom 2072 were denied the much needed rest and change because we had not sufficient money to send them into the country. The limited number of invitations given to beneficiaries by persons living in the vicinity of Philadelphia is a discouraging feature of this work, and we hope yet to arouse the interest of these good people in the needy little ones of our city."

MAY 30th.

An original poem read by Miss Minerva Weinberger at Trinity Christian church, on Decoration Day.

The echoes from the village street,
The sounds of footsteps passing by,
Scarce reach the churchyard's calm retreat
To where the dead in quiet lie.

The winds forever moan and sigh
Across that sunny, silent, slope,
Perchance, the birds that twittering fly
An echo bring of life and hope.

The silent village of the dead,
We enter on Memorial day.
Above our soldiers' graves we spread
The late blown buds and bloom of May.

For by our band of patriots led
We press the consecrated sod
And, joyous, yet with reverence tread
The paths by lonely mourners trod.

But we who heard no battle-cries
And know not of the fierce alarm
That caused an armed host to rise
From city, town, from field and farm,—

We cannot picture battle-plain,
Or know the anguish and the woe
Of fields all wet with gory stains
Of precious life-blood's crimson flow.

Ah, no, for other scenes are ours
Within the land that holds no slave,
The land now blooming bright with flowers
That wave above each grass-grown grave.

The carved marble shaft may tell
The story of the noble dead,
But other forms that fought and fell
Are sleeping in a lowlier bed.

In nameless graves with myrtle twined,
Or roses planted everlastingly,
Some unknown heroes lie enshrined
With bloom by nature's bounty shed.

But, look, and history's pages viewed
Shall teach us still how great the debt,
What love we owe, what gratitude,
To those Columbia honors yet.

We dare not pass cold-hearted by,
Or careless fling our garlands here,
Without a thought, a passing sigh,
Or tender token of a tear.

The fragrant flowers we bring shall breathe
The message of our love anew;
With garlands we shall ever wreath
The noble-hearted, brave, and true.

Acquitted.

There was what might be termed a session of United States Court at this place last Thursday. Two government officials of the postal department put assistant postmaster, C. A. Rittenhouse, to a test with a view of ascertaining whether various rumors circulated had any foundation in fact. We will not give a recital here of the different complaints urged against the assistant postmaster. It appears that the postal authorities were advised by somebody, nobody hereabouts knows exactly who, to investigate and test the honesty of our assistant postmaster. To say the least it was a serious undertaking. To openly charge a man with dishonesty without sufficient proof to sustain the indictment is a very grave matter. The detectives, in pursuance of a previously defined course of procedure, sent two decoy or test letters containing money to the Collegeville post office. Shortly after the mail had been distributed Thursday morning a lady called at the post office for a letter bearing a certain name. She received the same, which was decoy No. 1. Soon after one of the detectives called for decoy No. 2, but it was not forthcoming. The officer at once took it for granted that the assistant postmaster had the letter, or at least its contents, in his possession. He persisted in the charge, and Mr. Rittenhouse stoutly denied having any knowledge of the letter. In the meantime detective No. 2, who had intercepted the up mail at Trappe, put in his appearance, stating that the letter "must be at this post-office." He was positive of it. To be sure he was, and his positiveness might have sent an innocent man to the penitentiary. It appears that the officials did not know that the Collegeville post office is the distributing office for Lower Providence, Creamery, Skippack and Lucon post offices, as well as for the offices between here and Boyertown, and that Fenton's store and Ursinus College are sub-offices. These important facts were omitted in their calculations; important because it would be a likely and easy matter for a letter to get into the wrong pouch or box. After a long wrangle, positive charges and positive denials, one of the officers, being apprised of the mail outlets and sub-offices concluded to visit the store and College, and see if he could find the letter. He went to the College, and there his letter was handed to him. He returned to the post office and both of the detectives showered congratulations on the assistant postmaster upon his narrow escape from the results of a false charge. During the controversy, before the letter was found, one of the government officials searched the stove, found a part of an envelope, and declared it to be a portion of the missing letter. He was again very positive in his opinion and was willing to swear to it. To be sure. A man may be ever so positive in his opinions and yet be on the wrong track. The detectives gladly acquitted the assistant postmaster. Let us suppose that the letter, after it left the Collegeville post office would have been lost or destroyed, what a false, humiliating, and galling charge would have been preferred against Mr. Rittenhouse! A charge entirely false and yet apparently true. A charge that would have hopelessly and forever ruined his character and injured the standing in society of every member of his family. The result shows very forcibly how important it is to exercise extreme caution in adopting any plan of action that might shock the feelings and blight the character and standing of a whole family. The detectives, who managed the scheme described, we trust, have learned a very salutary lesson and one that will be of much benefit to them in the future. The undue haste of the Norristown *Times* in this matter is to be regretted and condemned. That paper, unwittingly perhaps, has done Mr. Rittenhouse grave injustice.

MARRIAGES.

May 23, at the Lutheran Parsonage, Trappe, Pa., by Rev. O. P. Smith, Mr. Abraham T. Stember of Providence Square, and Miss Sarah A. Benner, of Schwensville Pa.

PROPOSALS.

Proposals for the collection of School-Tax in Upper Providence school district will be received on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, examination day, at Black Rock. By order of the Board of Directors. J. S. SHEARER, Sec'y.

TEACHERS WANTED.

Teachers wanted in Trappe Independent School District,—two for Grammar School and two for Primary School. Salary \$40 and \$45 per month. By order of the Board of Directors. F. ZOLLERS, Secretary.

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Will be sold at Public Sale on THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1885, at the Raha Station Wheelwright Shop, the following articles: Second-hand fall-in-top carriage, new butcher's wagon; Second-hand market wagon; Sleigh—Boston cutter; 1 set of heavy running gears—second-hand. Work Bench, wheelbarrows, grindstone, sleigh runners; Hickory and oak planks—best quality. About 35 or 40 axletrees, best quality, size 4x5, 4x5 1/2, 5x6; set of lot wagon hubs, lot of spokes and fellos, dasher leather, whip sockets, set of light harness, shafts, lot of poplar boards, clamps sleigh bells, and other articles not here mentioned. Sale at 1 o'clock. Conditions. D. H. GOTTSHALK. L. H. Ingram, auct. I. H. Johnson, clerk.

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Will be sold at Public Sale on SATURDAY, JUNE 6, '85, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, at 1 o'clock, p. m., 16 New Carriages. Among the lot are two-seated Surrey and Extension Top Carriages, with pole and shafts, side bars and elliptic springs of every description a few Phaetons of the Latest Styles—very handsome, with side lamps and handles; a few very handy Jump-Seat carriages, and a few Village Carts. The above goods will be sold, go high or low, rain or shine. Gentlemen don't miss this sale, as there will be bargains for somebody. Hard times knocked higher than a kite. Carriages sold at your own price. If we cannot get our price, we will take yours, as we mean to sell and don't you forget it. Ten sets of new harness together with a lot of whips and summer covers. Carriages can be seen at the above hotel two days before the day of sale. Conditions by. ALBERT MAUCK. L. H. Ingram, auct. I. H. Johnson, clerk.

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Will be sold at Public Sale, on MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1885, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, ONE CAR Load of Fresh Cows with calves, direct from York county. Good judgment was exercised in the selection of this stock, and it will be to the interest of purchasers to attend sale. Also lot of Shoats and 3 breeding Sows. Sale to commence at 2 o'clock, p. m. Conditions by. H. H. ALLEBACH. J. G. Fetterolf, auct. I. H. Johnson, clerk.

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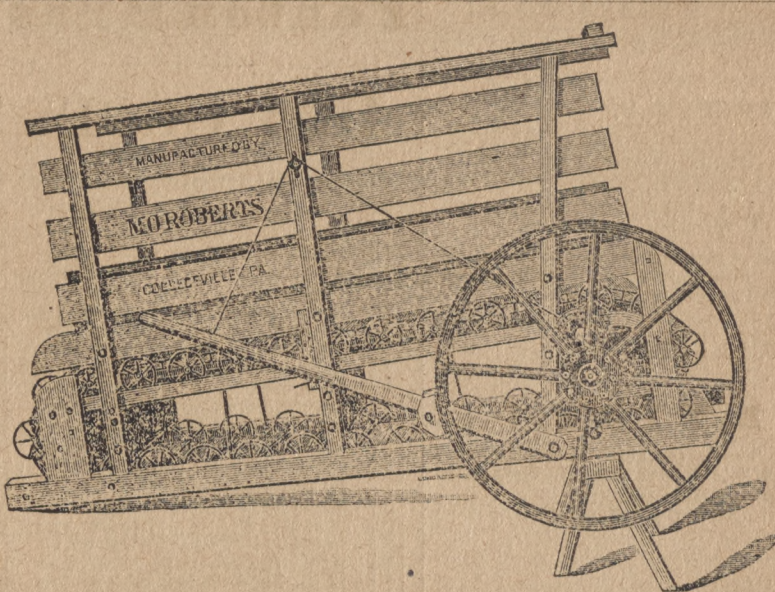
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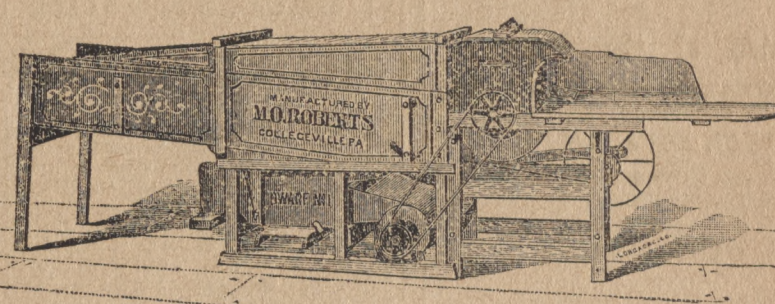
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Agriculture and Science.
HOW TO GROW CELERY.

An experienced celery-grower says: Celery is a water plant, hence thrives best in a low, moist, cool situation. If raised on upland, and the weather is dry, it should be watered once a week. Nothing is gained by planting too early. Rich and sandy soil will furnish celery that is very solid, if planted about the middle of July. Low land will grow it larger and finer, but not as solid, unless planted later in the season, about the last of July or first of August, but not later. In deep, rich soil it is advisable to plant in trenches about six inches deep; in ordinary soil, on the surface. First dig a trench, put in well composted manure to which about one-eighth of lime or salt has been added, cover with soil, and set the plants about four inches apart, packing the soil well about them. Cultivate well six weeks, then draw soil up against the plants to keep them growing in an upright position, being careful that no soil gets between the stalks. That needed for summer use should have the soil drawn up occasionally around it with a hoe. Celery should be cultivated often, otherwise it will not be tender and nice. For summer use the White Plume is the best variety; for fall and early winter, Turner's White; for late winter and spring, Carter's Crimson. For winter use the celery should be placed in an upright position, in a narrow trench, dug in dry, sandy soil. The top of the stalks should be even with the surface, and be covered at first with forest leaves. As the season advances a covering of straw can be added. When it becomes colder, more straw can be piled on. Celery stored in a cellar is apt to become moldy, or acquire a "cellar-taste."

APPLYING FERTILIZER TO CORN.—It is quite reasonable to suppose that plants can be gorged with food as animals may be, and that injury may result from it. This is quite true as regards corn. The corn plant has a long season of active growth. It requires about one hundred days for its maturity. If all the food which is required to mature the plant is added to the soil in a soluble and available condition at the planting, a large quantity may be lost before the plant can utilize it. Soluble fertilizers diffuse themselves in a moist soil with great rapidity, and are quickly carried off by the drainage water into the subsoil. Sir J. B. Lawes has noticed the nitric acid of nitrate of soda, which has been applied to the surface soil, escaping in the water flowing from the drains, in forty-eight hours after the application. If then, six hundred pounds of this fertilizer should be applied to the corn crop before the sowing of the seed, it will begin to be lost before a single root has been formed to arrest its escape. This fact is given only as an instance of how fertilizers may be lost by misapplication. At the best, an excess of fertilizing material given to corn in its early stages, forces a rank growth of stalk, and the plant food is exhausted before it can be converted into grain, which is the most valuable part of the crop. During some years past, we have been growing corn under a new system of fertilizing, which is to apply the fertilizer at intervals, as after each time of cultivation, instead of before and immediately after the planting. The effect has been to notably increase the yield of grain, and decrease the growth of stalk. By this method, eighty bushels of grain per acre have been produced, and in growing sweet corn for sale, fine, large, and well-filled ears are secured. The fertilizer is dusted along the rows before the cultivator is used, or immediately after, and the first shower carries it down to the roots. The same method of applying fertilizers has been used for root crops with favorable results.—American Agriculturist.

CARE OF HORSES' FEET.—Horses in civilized lands suffer more from ailments of the feet than from any other cause. The feet of a horse are subject to many injuries, both from bad shoeing and from ill-kept roads, and it is important for owners of horses, to study well how these causes of diseased feet can be avoided. But in the consideration of this question there are some points not well understood. The "London Stockkeeper" gives a statement that a horse weighing sixteen hundred pounds, when drawing a load, bears a weight upon the feet of two tons, the extra pressure being caused by the downward force of the act of drawing. Now, an average horse's draft-power amounts only to a forward strain of one hundred and fifty-seven pounds. As the horse is only exerting this forward force by pressure upon the collar, it is clear, the feet cannot press with any more force upon the ground, so that the above explanation of the cause of injury to the horse's foot, is imaginary. It is not the force exerted by work at all. A wild horse, galloping at the top of his speed, pre-ses upon a ground with his feet more than a horse moving a ton in a wagon upon a road at the of two miles an hour; and yet wild horses have excellent feet and are never lame. But they have a choice of a smooth path, and have no blacksmiths to cut away the frogs of their feet, and so deprive them of the very means nature provides for the protection of the foot. If the roads were kept in good condition and free from loose stones, and the frog of the foot were never pared, horses would rarely suffer from foot-lameness. Frog-pressure expands the heels, toughens the horns, cures corns, and does much toward giving a horse sound feet.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

In pursuance of an Act of Assembly approved March 17th, 1888, and supplementary acts thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County will meet the taxpayers of said county, at the following named times and places, for the purpose of receiving the State and County Taxes, for the year 1888, assessed in their respective districts, viz:

Borough of Norristown, 3d and 4th wards, at the County Treasurer's office, Thursday, June 4th, from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 4 1/2.
Borough of Norristown, 5th and 6th wards, at the County Treasurer's office, Friday, June 6th, from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 4 1/2.
Borough of Norristown, 7th Ward, at the County Treasurer's office, Saturday, June 6th, from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 4 1/2.

Borough of Bridgeport, at the County Treasurer's office, Monday, June 8th, from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 4 1/2.
Borough of Norristown, at the County Treasurer's office, on Tuesday, June 9, from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 4 1/2.

Borough of Conshohocken, 1st ward, at the public house of Mrs. Benjamin Smith, on Wednesday, June 10, from 8 to 12.
Borough of Conshohocken, 2d ward, at the public house of James Ward, Wednesday, June 10, from 8 to 12 and from 1 to 4 1/2.

Borough of West Conshohocken, at the public house of John Oakley, Thursday, June 11, from 8 to 12.
Township of Upper Merion, at the public house of James F. Hoy, on Friday, June 12, from 8 to 12.

Township of Plymouth, at the public house of Rosanna Marple, on Saturday, June 13, from 8 to 12.
Township of Whitmarsh, East, at the public house of S. H. Bush, Monday, June 15, from 8 to 12.

Township of Springfield, at the public house of Edward McCloskey, on Tuesday, June 16, from 8 to 12.
Township of Upper Merion, on Wednesday, June 17, from 8 to 12.

Township of Horsham, at the public house of G. & J. K. Hallowell, Thursday, June 18, from 8 to 12.
Township of Lower Merion, lower district, east, at the office of Bernard McMonagle, Friday, June 19, from 8 to 12.

Township of Lower Merion, lower district, at the public house of James Baird, on Friday, June 19, from 8 to 12.
Township of Lower Merion, upper district, west, at the public house of Isaac H. Evans, on Saturday, June 20, from 8 to 12.

Township of Lower Merion, upper district, at the public house of Jesse K. Johnson, Saturday, June 20, from 8 to 12.
Township of Gwynedd, Lower, at the public house of Samuel C. Custer, Monday, June 22, from 8 to 12.

Township of Gwynedd, Upper, at the public house of Michael Frederick, Monday, June 22, from 8 to 12.
Borough of North Wales, at the public house of Francis Kile, on Tuesday, June 23, from 8 to 12.

Township of Montgomery, at the public house of Samuel M. Johnson, Wednesday, June 24, from 8 to 12.
Township of Upper Providence, Upper, at the public house of Jacob Smoyer, on Thursday, June 25, from 8 to 12.

Borough of Moyersford, at the public house of Rebecca Schrack, on Friday, June 26, from 8 to 12.
Township of Upper Providence, Lower, at Port Providence Hall, Saturday, June 27, from 8 to 12.

Township of Whitmarsh, West, at the public house of John Beyerly, on Thursday, July 2, from 8 to 12.
Township of Whitpain, at the public house of William C. Blackburn, on Friday, July 3, from 8 to 12.

Township of Lower Providence, at the public house of George W. Emery, on Tuesday, July 7, from 8 to 12.
Township of Worcester, at the public house of Elijah Skeen, on Wednesday, July 8, from 8 to 12.

Borough of Pottstown, east ward, at the public house of D. H. Bennett, on Thursday, July 9, from 8 to 12.
Borough of Pottstown, 2d and 3d wards, at the public house of W. O'Brien, on Friday, July 10, from 8 to 12.

Borough of Pottstown, west ward, at the public house of W. R. Shuler, on Saturday, July 11, from 8 to 12.
Township of Limerick, at the public house of L. L. Bechtel, on Monday, July 13, from 8 to 12.

Township of Pottsgrove, Lower, at the public house of Nathaniel Fryer, on Tuesday, July 14, from 8 to 12.
Township of Pottsgrove, Upper, at the public house of F. R. Pennypacker, on Tuesday, July 14, from 8 to 12.

Township of Douglass, West, at the public house of Jacob L. Bickel, on Wednesday, July 15, from 8 to 12.
Township of Douglass, East, at the public house of F. B. Fox, on Wednesday, July 15, from 8 to 12.

Township of New Hanover, at the public house of A. E. Weind, on Thursday, July 16, from 8 to 12.
Township of Frederick, at the public house of Frank Hendrick, on Friday, July 17, from 8 to 12.

Borough of Marlborough, at the public house of Samuel Barndt, on Monday, July 20, from 8 to 12.
Borough of Greenlane, at the public house of D. H. Rudy, on Monday, July 20, from 8 to 12.

Borough of East Greenville, at the public house of N. B. Keely, on Tuesday, July 21, from 8 to 12.
Township of Upper Hanover, at the public house of Jonas Harlog, on Wednesday, July 22, from 8 to 12.

Township of Upper Salford, East, at the public house of Jacob P. Dannehower, on Thursday, July 23, from 8 to 12.
Township of Upper Salford, West, at the public house of Eli Engle, on Wednesday, August 3, from 8 to 12.

Township of Moreland, Upper, at the public house of John C. Hobensack, on Wednesday, August 5, from 8 to 12.
Township of Abington, at the public house of Charles Cottman, on Thursday, August 6, from 8 to 12.

Borough of Jenkintown, at the public house of J. F. Cottman, on Friday, August 7, from 8 to 12.
Township of Cheltenham, at the public house of L. V. Clayton, on Monday August 10, from 8 to 12.

Taxes not paid to the County Treasurer on or before the 15th day of September, 1888, will be given into the hands of a collector, when 5 per cent. will be added for collection, as per Act of Assembly.

HENRY A. COLE,
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